

Application No. 10/629,253
Amendment dated December 2, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed October 4, 2005

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 4, 2005. Non-elected claims 13-27 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in one or more continuation/divisional applications. Claims 1-12 are now pending in view of the above amendments.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12 is appreciated. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful review and allowance of those claims.

The Applicant's submit the following comments concerning the Examiner's statements of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claimed invention of claims 1-12 is patentable over the prior art, but respectfully disagrees with the Examiners statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in Office Action. Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicant's do not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and do not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

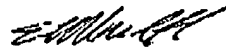
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2005.

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